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## COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF AT&T INC. ON BEHALF OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 07-154  
Comp. Pol. File No. 810

Comments Due: September 4, 2007

### Section 214 Application

**Applicant:** AT&T Inc. on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast

On July 18, 2007, AT&T Inc. (AT&T Inc. or Applicant) filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliate, **BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast** (AT&T Southeast), located at **675 West Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30375**, requesting authority under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue one of its tariffed services in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

AT&T indicates that AT&T Southeast currently offers 70 MHz Transport Video service, also known as SPA 70 MHz Transport, throughout its nine state territory.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, AT&T explains that this service is a one-way, point-to-point analog frequency transport channel over dedicated facilities between two locations. AT&T states that this frequency can be used as an interface to interconnect analog satellite radio transmission equipment. AT&T maintains that AT&T Southeast does not currently have any customers subscribing to this service. AT&T further states that the analog equipment that is necessary to provide this service has been discontinued by the manufacturers. AT&T therefore indicates that AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue this service on October 1, 2007, due to lack of demand for analog video services. AT&T asserts that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of this service because market demand for analog video transport services has been replaced by faster, more efficient digital video transport services. AT&T further asserts that AT&T Southeast will continue to offer its digital video transport service known as SPA Modular Video Transport. AT&T asserts that AT&T Southeast is a non-dominant carrier with respect to the service to

<sup>1</sup> AT&T states that SPA 70 MHz Transport service is offered pursuant to AT&T Southeast's FCC Tariff No. 1, Section 7.5.

be discontinued, but acknowledges that this application will be processed using the Commission's rules for dominant carriers.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, AT&T's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the sixtieth (60th) day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies AT&T that the grant will not be automatically effective. In AT&T's application, AT&T indicates that AT&T Southeast plans to discontinue the affected service on October 1, 2007. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of AT&T's application, absent further Commission action, AT&T Southeast may cease to offer service in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee on **October 1, 2007**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **September 4, 2007**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 07-154 and Comp. Pol. File No. 810**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon

the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

The application will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at [FCC@BCPIWEB.COM](mailto:FCC@BCPIWEB.COM). People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [carmell.weathers@fcc.gov](mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov), or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), [kimberly.jackson@fcc.gov](mailto:kimberly.jackson@fcc.gov), of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other\\_adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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